

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2883 - SB 3047**

February 23, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines “de facto custodian” as an individual who proves that he or she has been the primary caregiver and financial supporter of a child under certain circumstances. An individual may petition the court to be declared a de facto custodian and may be awarded full or joint custody if certain standards and procedures are met.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – Not Significant**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant**

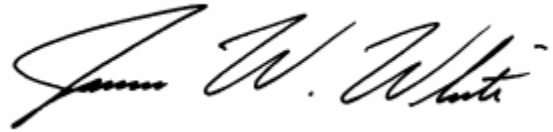
**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenues are estimated to be not significant.
- The Child Support Program currently provides for payment of child support, from persons ordered to make child support payments, to non-parent caretakers with either physical or legal custody of a child rather than a parent.
- Any cost to the Department of Children’s Services (DCS) can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Should DCS incur problems meeting the child and parent reunification requirements as established by the Adoption and Safe Families Act, the Department could be in jeopardy of losing \$80,000,000 in federal funds.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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